# **CDXC** Newsletter

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Chiltern DX Club

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### Editorial/Chairman's Comments

I am having to step into the breach with this issue of the newsletter as Steve, G4JVG, is about to leave for P29. Hopefully by the time the next newsletter is due we will have appointed someone to take over as editor but, in the absence of other information, send any material you have to me by 17th March and I will pass it on. Remember that the March newsletter will carry details of the Annual Review Meeting which is normally held in May. The May newsletter will be handed out at the meeting. I also wish at this time to thank Steve for his efforts with the newsletter while he has been in the editor's chair.

From my own observations I believe propagation has taken a downward turn over the last couple

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of months, on the high bands at least, although the LF bands have been lively with, for example, recent reports of T32Z being worked in the UK on 80 metres. The CQWW 160 CW Contest also brought contacts between the UK and W6, as well as reports of 9M8AX working into the UK. There has been something of an upturn in just the last couple of weeks, with the odd Pacific station and some loud KL7s appearing on 10, plus east coast US on 6 metres.

For many of us the most exciting recent operation has been YAOA by UB5JRR and YL2WW. This was a new one for me, leaving me with just four to go, and I suspect leaves a number of our members needing just XZ and ZA for a clean sweep. I find it amazing just how many previously rare ones have been activated over the last couple of years - XW, 3W, 7O, 1S, C9, etc.

A Committee meeting was due to be held on 7th Feb, and will be reported on in the next issue. We do seem to have been having a few problems recently keeping track of who has joined and/or renewed and should be on the distribution list for the newsletter. I can only apologise for this. No individual is to blame. What seems to have happened is that

we had a system which was perfectly adequate when the Club had only a limited number of members but now seems to be creaking at the seams. Please bear with us while we sort it out.

#### Visit to the US

I returned recently from a business trip to W6 and W2 which was made particularly pleasant by being able to include some amateur radio elements. My colleague was suitably impressed that my hobby seemed to have provided me with friends wherever we went! The first occasion was when I attended a meeting of the Northern Cal Contest Club and ended up as guest speaker! Fortunately (remembering my Boy Scout motto!) I had taken a set of slides of our GU6UW contest operation and was able to show these. Attendees included such worthies as W6ISO W6RGG W6CF N6RZ W0ZZ WN4KKN W6QHS K6TMB N6TV NH6T WZ6Z W6BIP N6EK N6IP W6VG W6DU and W6OAT, I was suitably humbled to be in such company! I was showered with invitations to visit shacks, but other commitments meant these had to be turned down, at least until a future occasion. Later, in New York, I met up with G4FRE/WG3I, a CDXC member and old friend, and his XYL G7FRE, who took me along to a local Hamfest. I was struck not only by the low prices, but also by the wide cross section of attendees. Amateur radio appears to appeal to

a much wider cross section of society in the USA than here in the UK. What are we doing wrong? Hopefully I will also get over to Dayton this year and meet up with some more old friends. Will any other CDXC members be there?

(By the way, if this issue of the newsletter seems to be too full of G3XTT's ramblings, it's because there was a dearth of input from the rest of you!)

73 de Don, G3XTT



#### CDXC Committee

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Deadline for next newsletter: 17th March 1991

#### Secretary's Notepad

A belated Happy New Year to all. I'm sure that everyone will have a fun-filled DX year.

1990 ended with 128 members which is just about the same number of members we had before the HF Convention at Daventry. So we lost a few but, more important, gained some new members at Daventry and at the end of the year. Welcome to Colin G3GAF, Dan G0NXJ, and to Bob G3PJT who is the new RSGB HF Committee Chairman.

Congratulations to John, G3HTA, on his election to Council.

Probably by the time you read this Steve, G4JVG, and his XYL Eva will have departed for P29. Steve was presented with a small gift on CDXC's behalf, an engraved morse key, with just a gentle suggestion that he might try a few CW QSOs with CDXC members, hi!

Just a reminder that membership applications must be sent to Dave, G4GED, first and any queries about CDXC to myself. This simple rule keeps the admin to a minimum. I hold copies of the CDXC Prospectus cum membership application form if you need them for potential new members. I have also ordered lapel badges for those members who joined recently, so you should receive these soon.

Take care and good DXing.

Roger, G3LQP

#### From Steve, G4JVG

This is being written less than 2 weeks prior to departure to P29. With the ticket eventually provided, it proved impossible to arrange travel anywhere other than via Singapore, so we are spending 2.5 weeks in Singapore, Bortem in the Riau Archipelago (YB) and Langkawi Island off the west coast of Malaysia before flying from Singapore to Port Moresby. Perhaps it was just as well that it was not possible to take a rig with me for the trip out, with the difficulties I would inevitably have encountered at Heathrow!

I was honoured and very touched to have been presented with an engraved Bencher paddle by G3LQP, G3OZF, G3XTT, G4LJF and G0HSD just prior to my departure. I suppose I'll now have to get to learn how to use it! Thanks, chaps, it will be a treasured possession (and will look nice on the mantlepiece).

I look forward to working as many CDXC members as possible from P29 - look for me from about 10th March onwards. In particular I hope to put out a big signal on 40, 80 and perhaps even 160m. Roger, G3LQP, has kindly agreed to be my QSL manager for EU contacts. For others, or for anyone who would like to write, my address will be:

c/o Spectrum Management
Department,
P.T.C.
PO Box 1783

Port Moresby Papua New Guinea

## Product Review Kent Twin Paddle Morse Key

Most of us who frequent CW seem to use Bencher paddle keys and, until very recently, I was no exception. However, although the Bencher is an excellent key it is not as robust as it might be and mine had suffered after having been dropped a couple of times. I was also having problems with a high resistance contact, despite the fact that the contacts are supposed to last almost for ever.

In the US it would probably be easy to get spare parts, but I decided I would risk a change and ordered a UK-manufactured product - the Twin Paddle Key from R.A.Kent (Engineers). This is £9 cheaper in kit form and as it was supposed to take only an hour to assemble I went ahead and ordered the kit. With AFS looming two days after it arrived I kept fingers crossed that the 1 hour would prove to be accurate! In the event I was very pleasantly sur-

prised. The parts were all there and the instructions clear and unambiguous. Apart from a little difficulty persuading the tension springs to stay where they were supposed to, and almost losing a couple of the very tiny parts when they fell on the floor (Murphy's Law again!), the kit went together very smoothly and the key was complete in just under the hour. Even the lead is provided, so all you need is a plug which fits your keyer.

I am very impressed with the design. The paddles are mounted on sealed bearings which appear to be very substantial and I shall have no hesitation in taking this key on DXpedition operations. Its baptism in AFS proved to be very enjoyable, the key being comfortable to use with a pleasant and positive feel. It's good to see quality amateur radio products being manufactured in the UK.

Don, G3XTT

#### HF CONVENTION

Martin, G3ZAY, on behalf of the RSGB HF Committee, has written to those Clubs who participated in last year's event asking for comments on format, programme, venue, date, price, etc. Your Committee will be sending a reply on behalf of CDXC, but if any of you have strong views it might be a good idea to drop Martin a line.

#### **HELP FOR MEMBERS**

I have toyed a number of times with being able to set up a Members' Help facility to which DXers old and new can come with their queries, whether it is for OSL Information, operating advice, technical assistance, or whatever. In practice I doubt that any one person would be prepared to take on the burden. However, it occurs to me that, as an alternative, we could publish a list of those who were able to help on particular topics. Let me start the ball rolling and say that I regularly receive copies of the W6GO/K6HHD OSL Manager List and also now have a set of 1991 International Callbooks. In return for an sae I will willingly provide OSL addresses from these sources. I know that Cluster advice is freely given by the various SYSOPS. Any offers from membership to provide other help and assistance? If so we will publish a list next time.

Don, G3XTT

#### 160m NEWSLETTER

Many years ago the late WIBB. the Old Man of 160, started a newsletter to keep 160m enthusiasts in touch with each other in what was otherwise a rather solitary and specialist aspect of amateur radio. When Stew was unable to carry on Ivan, VE3INO (now VE3DO) took over the reins and produced a series of excellent annual 160m roundups, with antenna articles and much else as well as operating news. Sadly Ivan has decided the time has come to take a break - none of us can keep up these voluntary efforts for ever, and Roger, G3RBP, and I have agreed to take over for the time being. We plan two issues a year, though not as extensive as those which Ivan produced. These will be available for 50p, \$1, or 2 IRCs an issue which should just about cover photocopying and postage. The first is already out, and an sae to Roger will bring a copy by return. His address is Roger Parsons, 32 Windmill Lane, Ashbourne, Derbys. DE6 1EY.

#### John Bazley, G3HCT

John should have been on holiday in VK-land by now but, instead, is recovering from an accident in which he walked into a glass door (guess he was too busy thinking about DX at the time?). I'm sure CDXC members join me in wishing John a speedy recovery.

#### Rainham Radio Rally

Roger, G3LQP, passes on info about the Rainham Radio Rally, to be held on 23rd Feb. at the Parkwood Community Centre, Deanwood Drive, Rainham, Kent. For further details phone 0634 362154

#### HF MANAGER'S REPORT - JAN 91

Martin, G3ZAY, who was recently appointed RSGB HF Manager, has kindly provided the following news items which will be of interest to CDXC members.

- 1. The US FCC has introduced a code free licence giving access to bands above 30MHz. To be known as a "Technician" licence it will be available, from February, to candidates passing the existing novice and technician written exams. The old technician licence, awarded to candidates passing the novice and technician written tests as well as the 5 wpm CW test, will be known as the Technician Plus and will give access to the HF novice bands as before. Upgrades from Technician to Technician Plus will be possible but the 5wpm CW test will have to be administered under the VEC system rather than the looser novice system.
- 2. The controversy and on-air disputes over K1MAN and other news broadcasters on HF continues and the FCC has now issued a number of letters informing recipients that they are liable to pay a fine of \$1000-\$1500 unless they can explain their on-air conduct to the FCC's satisfaction. K1MAN & KV4FZ have both received such notices.
- 3. In June QST, K1ZZ announced the withdrawal of the ARRL rule-making petition on automatic control of HF digital transmissions. The petition attempted to make US

packet activity consistent with IARU band-plans but attracted strong opposition from US operators over the choice of 7 & 14 MHz frequencies. Curiously, it seems that our attempt in the UK to be flexible and recommend limited use of packet forwarding frequencies above 14100 kHz has backfired. A number of US comments noted that overseas activity did not conform to the IARU band-plan and asked why US activity should be any different! K1ZZ made three recommendations:

- Step up the pace of improving packet technology as it is neither as efficient nor as effective as its proponents say it can be;
- Make greater use of the bands other than 7 & 14 MHz;
- Exercise better control over the content of auto-forwarded messages and reduce the number of messages addressed to "ALL".
- 4. It is interesting to note the FCC view on automatic control:
- ...we regard automatic control as being less reliable than local or remote control, and therefore in the nature of a subordinate privilege,.... a condition of using this type of control is that it may be used only so long as the station does not cause any interference and no improper transmission radiates from the station,...... the control operator must cease automatic control of nthe station upon notification by an FCC Engineer that the station is transmitting improperly or causing



### **Early Reservation Information**

- · General Chairman, Dave Grubb, KC8CF
- · Giant 3 day flea market · Exhibits
- · License exams · Free bus service

Flea market tickets and grand banquet tickets are limited. Place your reservations early, please.

Flea Market Tickets

A maximum of 3 spaces per person (nontransferable). Tickets (valid all 3 days) will be sold IN ADVANCE ONLY. No spaces sold at gate. Vendors MUST order registration ticket when ordering flea market spaces.

**Special Awards** 

Nominations are requested for "Radio Amateur of the Year," "Special Achievement" and "Technical Achievement" awards. Contact: Hamvention Awards Chairman, Box 964, Dayton, OH 45401.

License Exams

Novice thru Extra exams scheduled Saturday and Sunday by appointment only. Send PCC form 610 (Aug. 1985 or later) - with requested elements shown at top of form, copy of present license and check for prevailing ARRL rates (payable to ARRL/VEC) to: Exam Registration, 8830 Windbluff Point, Dayton, OH 45458

· Asst. General Chairman, Ross Brown, WASDQH

1991 Deadlines

Award Nominations: March 1

License Exams: March 26
Advance Registration and banquet:
USA - April 4 Canada - March 31
Flea Market Space:
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committee from all orders received prior to February
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Information

Oeneral Information: (513) 454-1456 or, Box 964, Dayton, OH 45401 Lodging Information: (513) 223-2612 (No Reservations By Phone) Flea Market Information: (513) 767-1107

Lodging

Please write to Lodging. Dayton Hamvention, Chamber Plaza, 5th & Main Streets, Dayton, OH 45402 or refer to our 1990 Hamvention program for lodging information which includes a listing of hotel/motels located in the areas surrounding Dayton.

Dayton, OH 45401

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#### G3WGV Contest Logging Program

#### Feature Summary

- Support for RSGB HF/VHF (radial ring) contests and certain other major contests
- Support for RSGB and other multiplier schemes, including the RSGB "Scottish 3 times" rule.
- User definable scoring facility
- Produces RSGB format HF and VHF logs, and fully user configurable log formats for other contests
- Support for PC8 character set and MX80 type printers
- · Produces multiplier and sorted checklog lists if required
- · Prints QSL labels
- Intelligent dupe checking, which ignores /P, /M and so on, provides full and partial checking and "on the fly" dupe checking. Up to 8000 QSO's in memory based checklog
- All IARU/RSGB bands supported, up to 6 in any contest
- · Up to eight operators definable for multi contests
- Full Prefix, county, zone, state and call area tables implemented in easily changed ASCII files
- 6 character locator and 5 character QRA supported
- · Distance and bearing calculated on both HF and VHF
- · User definable log sheet printing format
- · ASCII log files to make editing easy
- Highly secure: Log file closed after each write operation; option to print log "realtime"; and disk backup options assure security of your log
- Comprehensive listing and editing options allow complete control over the database
- · Scratchpad and callsign memories
- Extensive online help
- DOS temporary exit facility
- QSO rate information always displayed, with options for time since last QSO, analysis of overall and operator scoring rates, and band by band score rate graphics
- Internal CW generator with extensive options for precoded and configured messages, Keyboard CW, variable mark/space and interword spacing and much more
- Extensive support for G3WGV Morse Talker II

#### Calling all Contesters!

Are you still using paper logs and manual checklogs for your RSGB contests? If you are, and you have a PC then you are missing out on a great new computerised logging facility available only through CDXC!

The G3WGV Contest Logging Program is designed to cover all the major RSGB contests. It scores them, dupe checks, performs detailed performance analyses, and prints the result in RSGB format for you. No more "bending" stateside offerings to do a halfway job of our contests!

And there's more! LOG has a built in morse generator with all the same functions that K1EA offers, and a whole load more. LOG knows all about different types of multiplier contests using counties, zones, states, or anything else you can think of. There's even a user configurable scoring capability, so you can make it score any contest you please. It even supports CQWW!

LOG is secure. We've all heard the dread stories of computerised disaster. LOG can PRINT your log whilst you are actually operating if you want, plus there are options for backing up disks as you go.

LOG will do other things for you too. It will calculate beam headings and distances: useful on HF, essential on VHF. It will tell you all about prefixes, counties, zones and so on. It keeps a running QSO rate tally, plus scores on each band and total score. It maintains multipliers worked matrices, and (if you are a VHF contester too) best DX lists.

LOG is developed in the UK by John G3WGV. He has donated the program to CDXC and every registered copy provides revenue to the club to help it with its good work for DXing worldwide.

For more information on LOG, please contact Paul Evans, G4BKI, on 0327 53304. Make sure that YOU are using LOG for the next RSGB contest!

#### Able-Label can now offer Radio Amateurs and Short Wave Listeners a special self-adhesive label service



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interference to other stations, and the licensee is not entitled to a hearing before such notification is given....The station may, however, continue to operate using local or remote control and, therefore, the station has not been ordered to cease transmitting. (Tnx W5YI Report)

5. The official US submission to WARC 92 calls for a worldwide 7MHz band from 6900-7200kHz. 6900-7000 kHz would be amateur primary with land mobile secondary, and 7000-7200 kHz would be exclusive amateur primary. Addi-

tional HF broadcasting space would come from the fixed service and through the adoption, by 2007, of single sideband reduced carrier for broadcast transmissions. Other HF amateur bands are not addressed.

6. In a recent IARU Region 1 News the WIA appeals for Societies to approach their national regulatory authorities for standards on RFI from "RF Tag Identification Devices". The DOTC has now specified standards allowing the use of these devices within the 3.5 MHz band.

#### GJ6UW - SINGLE-OP IN CQWW CW 1990

After joining a group of CDXC members and friends to operate multi-single in COWW Phone as GU6UW, I decided it would make an interesting change to operate single-op from somewhere other than home in the CW leg. Fortunately Dennis, GJ3YHU, was able to offer me the use of his work OTH, from where we have operated several times previously as GJ6UW. Initially I planned to use my own call for this operation, but decided in the end to stick with GI6IJW which has become well known, is distinctive, and takes less time to send on CW!

The trouble with a single-op effort is that you don't have the same number of willing hands to put up antennas and get the station together. Because I had just changed jobs within BT, I felt constrained to take as little time off work as possible, so I sailed out to Jersey on the Thursday night before the contest, my car loaded with station, computer (for running the K1EA contest logging program), antenna rotator, various lengths of wire, etc.

I was at my contest QTH by 0830 on the Friday and faced with putting up all the necessary antennas, with Dennis only expecting to be available to help during his lunch break. The plan was to put up his J-Beam TB3 tribander on a 20ft tower on the roof of the building, together with dipoles for 160, 80 and 40 strung from the halyard which Dennis keeps permanently attached to the big TV mast at the 300ft point.

In the event the wind started getting up and it proved impossible

to get the TB3 up the tower and mounted on the rotator (the site is on top of a 400ft cliff, totally exposed to the prevailing winds). In the end we were able to mount it on a short mast normally used for carrying a TV antenna (to monitor the transmissions from Alderney), but not without a great deal of difficulty (all this had seemed so easy the year before, with 10 of us there, and 3 days in which to erect antennas). This left us with a mad rush to get the LF antennas up before dark, and Dennis kindly took a half day's leave to give me a hand (putting up 3 dipoles on a single halyard in a strong wind is no easy matter - the wires seem to be blown everywhere except where they are wanted!).

Once the station was set up it was time to return to Dennis's house for a pleasant evening with his family before the start of the contest.

The contest started well with good rates on the LF bands, although 20m was disappointing. However, just as I started to work the US on 160m (and G3RBP tells me he had never heard such a big US pile-up on 160) a storm front arrived and my static level went to 40 over 9! 40 and 80 remainded usable, and I was delighted to work several W6 stations on 80 around dawn (K6UA was to appear in my log on 5 bands).

The rest of the contest is something of a blur. It was nice during the day to be able to look out

of the operating room window and see two other DXCC countries - F and GU, but the Saturday night was hard work due to lack of sleep (I wasn't to get any sleep from waking up on the ferry on Friday morning until after the contest was over) I also received a surprise visit from Dennis on the Saturday evening to tell me I was causing TVI. He had spotted this on his TV at home - the problem with operating from a TV station is that when you cause TVI you do so in a BIG way! I stopped operating for about half an hour while we did some tests and traced it to 80m. RF seemed to be affecting the TV transmitter even when I reduced power to 50W or less. The consequence was that from then on my 80m operating was pretty much confined to the early hours of the morning.

Saturday evening was also curious in another way. On 7MHz I found myself working very loud W7, VE7 and KL7 signals around 2300GMT, while East Coast US signals were very weak with me at the time and European stations were almost unworkable.

Monday morning came round all too soon, after just a few hours sleep on the sofa at Dennis's house, and with it a force 9 gale and the news that Dennis had to go to Guernsey on business for the day. As a result I had to dismantle the antennas myself. The wire antennas came down reasonably easily, but I had to lash myself to the roof and dismantle the beam in pieces to

avoid it or me being blown away.

I took the ferry home on the Monday night, still with a force 9 gale blowing but I was too tired to notice, and was back at the office in London by the middle of Tuesday morning. Was it worth it? The rare call helps in a DX contest, but this must be balanced against operating from your home station where there is plenty of time to get the antennas working right, to snatch some sleep before the contest, etc. Neverthe-

less, I amassed over 3.3m points, the second highest single-op score ever to be claimed from the UK in this event, and certainly pleased a lot of people by giving them new band and mode slots.

Finally I must extend my warmest thanks to Dennis, GJ3YHU, and his wife Sandra who fixed me up with rations for the weekend. Without their help the operation simply would not have been possible.

Don, G3XTT

## SOME STATISTICS AND A CHALLENGE FROM NIGEL, G3TXF

Here are some 1990 G3TXF statistics:

Total QSOs made in 1990 (from home call) was 7,286:

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Contest QSOs	5,077	658	5,735
Non-Contest QSOs	1,465	86	1,551
Totals	6,542	744	7,286

The analysis says that 79% of G3TXF's QSOs last year were in Contests, that 90% of all QSOs were on CW and that 95% of all non-Contest QSOs were on CW. Conclusion: G3TXF activity is primarily CW in contests!

There was a spurt of activity in early 1990, racing to achieve my 100,000th QSO before February 5. It was on February 5, 1965 that the much hoped for letter from the Post Office was received with a brand new call: G3TXF. That was 25 years ago. The 100,000th QSO was made with a few days to spare.

For eight years G3SXW and G3TXF have kept records each year for CW countries worked per band. 1990 was a bumper year. We both ended up with around 750 band points over six bands. The final "numbers" were:

	160	80	40	20	15	10	Total	DXCC
G3TXF	55	84	129	153	201	150	772	231
G3SXW	53	82	122	159	180	150	746	220

A cross-check showed that 247 different countries were worked on CW during 1990 by G3SXW and G3TXF.

Maybe some other CDXC members would like to take part in this annual "countries" by band DX chasing. It's easy enough and certainly

keeps the interest going.

Working your first OK on 160m each year in early January is fun, and not a chore as it otherwise might be. We're running our in-year CW challenge again this year and we'd be pleased to swap scores regularly with other CDXC members.

G3SXW and G3TXF will be sticking to CW...we won't be doing it on SSB, that's for sure! 73's Nigel G3TXF

#### **Contest Corner**

The ARRL contests come up shortly, although there are no plans for a CDXC effort. However, I know that many CDXC members will be taking part. For example, Dick, G0MFO, has booked 4U1ITU for one leg of the contest.

Martin, G3ZAY, extends an invitation to CDXC members to take part in a multi-single operation in the March CQ WPX SSB Contest from the G6UW QTH. The only proviso is that potential operators should be available on the Friday before the contest to help put up additional antennas.

When entering CQ-sponsored contests, do remember to put your

CDXC affiliation in the "Club Entry" section on the cover sheet. Even if you are part of a multi-op effort, you can claim a proportion of the total score on CDXC's behalf. The Frankford Radio Club in Pennsylvania, for example, have this off to a fine art, with almost all their Club members contributing at least a few points in each major contest. As a result, they were able to claim something like 300 million points after last year's CQWW Phone! What we really need, now that G4JVG is off to distant parts, is someone to take on the task of coordinating CDXC's contest efforts, both singleand multi-op. Any volunteers?

#### CQWWDX CW CLAIMED SCORES - Single Op

(compiled by Derek, G3NKS, and published on the Cluster system)

GJ6UW Op G3XTT 3062/119/344 3,358,139 103/09/40 365/15/48 517/16/51 512/23/71 868/31/72 697/25/62

GW4BLE OP G3WVG 3049/113/322 3,207,690 36/06/32 441/13/54 395/17/42 641/28/74 600/23/56 936/26/64

G3TXF 1242/131/403 1,600,932 70/08/41 145/13/54 169/22/64 273/30/87 225/27/71 360/31/86

G3NKS 1506/86/267 1,135,954 45/04/25 270/11/43 330/17/58 274/18/51 232/17/43 355/19/47

G3WGV 699/72/193 344,235 102/05/30 183/08/41 101/14/32 107/13/37 106/14/23 100/18/30

Single Band - 40m

G3FXB 1784/30/101 561,789 G4BUE 1706/30/86 456,112

format -

call totals QSOs/Zones/Countries claimed score bands QSOs/Zones/Countries.

#### Multi-Op claimed scores

	CURCT	QSOs/Zones/Countries		
	GW8GT	G3LNS	G3SZA	
160	56/07/45	127/12/58	151/12/47	
80	468/16/73	832/22/75	148/12/53	
40	1277/27/90	1031/31/97	275/19/62	
20	936/32/87	773/35/96	457/22/65	
15	1401/33/92	836/35/92	582/29/77	
10	1068/34/88	724/32/96	525/26/73	
Totals	5206/149/475	4323/167/514	2128/120/377	
Scores	7,608,432	7,095,339	2,489,970	

CN5N: claiming - 14,365/178/651 = 35,457,988 total. QSOs - 160 453, 80 1551, 40 2446, 20 3939, 15 3164, 10 2815. Peak QSO rate 195/hr, on 10m. Thanks G3SXW (who did the log entry and was 1 of the 18 ops).

Rumour: PJ9A claiming 38M.

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